

July 2012 Oregon City/West Linn Arch Bridge Rehabilitation Update

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Bridge Re-opens to Traffic on October 15

ODOT is pleased to announce that the Oregon City/West Linn Bridge is scheduled to re-open to traffic on Monday morning, October 15. In conjunction with the re-opening of this community icon, the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition is planning a three-day Willamette Falls Festival—Friday, October 12 through Sunday, October 14. ODOT's re-dedication of the Arch Bridge is on Sunday afternoon. During the Festival, the Bridge will be open for pedestrians and bicyclists but closed to vehicle traffic from Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. Come and share in this unique opportunity to stroll the historic bridge and enjoy the breathtaking views of the Falls.

The Coalition invites you to join in celebrating the reopening of the Historic Arch Bridge during this fun-filled 3-day festival October 12th-14th in downtown Oregon City and West Linn. Check their web site for more details, Willamette Falls Festival.

Bridge Construction Update

The contractor, Wildish Standard Paving, is working both days and evenings. Here are the highlights:

- Installation of new bridge pylons begins. Later, the replica historic lights will be mounted on these large obelisks.
- Installation continues on the sidewalks and railings on both ends of the bridge.
- Painting the bridge begins on the Oregon City side. The original bridge was painted grey and we found a spot on the bridge with the original color. So that color will be matched.

Traffic Impacts

- There will be lane closures on 99E, one lane in each direction north and southbound, between the tunnel and 10th Street from 7 am to 3:30 pm. At night there will be multiple lanes closed between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Shuttle News

We have carried 57,257 riders since the shuttle started on January 15, 2011. This total includes 9,300 bicycle rider trips.

Shuttle Service Ends on October 14

The Bridge Shuttle service will end when the Arch Bridge re-opens on Monday, October 15. The last trip will be on Sunday, October 14 at 10:30 p.m.

Parade Detours

The shuttle will have an occasional minor detour on Saturdays due to summer parades on Main Street in Oregon

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City. Look for detour information prior to each parade in the shuttle information kiosks.

If you have questions or know someone who would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact me.

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